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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Office of Management and Budget Response to CIA Request for  
Parking Fee Exemption (Circular A-118)

25X1 1. As a follow-up to the recent meeting between Attorneys of OLC and OMB officials re the Administration's pay parking program, I telephoned and spoke with Mr. Nicholas Stoer who is the primary OMB official responsible for the program. [redacted]

2. Mr. Stoer advised that a meeting had been held (participants unidentified) on Friday, 21 September 1979 at which CIA's requests were discussed with the unwelcome results as follows:

-- S. 930: OMB will continue to put pressure on the Congress in order to bring S. 930 and similar bills in line with the Administration position as delineated by their recently published Circular A-118. In effect, therefore, OMB will push for government-wide parking fees regardless of the location of the Federal installation or absence of local area fees for civilian vehicles. S. 930 currently ties parking fees directly to those charged civilians in the environs adjacent to the individual Federal installation.

25X1 -- Flexibility within Circular: Mr. Stoer stated that it is OMB's position that the DCI does not need flexibility greater than that already provided by the provisions contained in the Circular. A special exception for the DCI modeled on that granted the Secretary of Defense is, according to him, unnecessary. [redacted]

25X1 3. Mr. Stoer went on to note that it was the considered judgment of OMB that the DCI's present statutory authority, i.e., sources and methods and Section 8's (CIA Act of 1949) personnel powers, were quite sufficient to deal with the unique problems facing CIA's "special" facilities. In so stating, Mr. Stoer spoke specifically to our outside offices that operate under one form or another [redacted] wherein a government parking sticker would endanger the cover of the facility and the persons who work therein. He stated that, in such limited cases, there would be no objection to the DCI's exercising of his extraordinary power. While Mr. Stoer implied that OMB would not object to such a decision, he hastened to add that the decision should be arrived at by the DCI independently, i.e., without formal OMB concurrence. [redacted]

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25X1 4. The OMB official made a point of reiterating the Administration position that their goal was energy conservation and that any attempt by CIA to utilize the DCI's authority to create a loophole for large numbers of Agency employees would be met with stern OMB resistance. He added that both the public and the rest of the Executive Branch would look askance at a blanket CIA exemption. It is, therefore, clear that no real consideration was given to our problems with undercover people at Headquarters. [redacted]

25X1 5. I concluded the conversation by thanking Mr. Stoer for his frank views, adding that our position had not changed and that it would be necessary for me to pass his decisions up the line for appropriate action. [redacted]

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